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Subject: Inadequate controls for Microsoft

> I am writing to you in regards to the recent agreement made between
> Microsoft and the DOJ. I am appalled at the DOJ letting Microsoft off
> without any regard to the main issue at hand. As a technology professional
> I
> feel compelled to voice my displeasure, and point out the inadequateness
> of
> the remedies put forth. Microsoft has blatantly and illegally used its
> operating system monopoly to push competitor's out of the market. This is
> no
> longer a question, they have been found guilty on this count. They
> illegally forced Netscape out of the browser market and now they are
> seeking
> to do the same exact thing with Windows XP. Windows XP has both instant
> messaging software as well as photography software bundled into the
> operating system, which completely shows Microsoft's respect for the
> federal
> government and the DOJ in particular. I am wondering at this point if in
> 5
> years Microsoft will be able to bundle a Ham Sandwich and tires for my car
> into the operating system that I will be forced to buy.
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> This illegal leveraging of the Windows OS is the core issue at hand and
> has
> not been addressed at all in the agreement Microsoft has reached with DOJ.
> Microsoft's ability to bundle whatever it wants into its operating system
> needs to be stripped. Any settlement reached with Microsoft MUST touch on
> this core issue. They must not be allowed to continue bundling whatever
> they want into their operating system. Please take the opinions of people
> who understand this technology into account. Thanks for your time.
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